



Best Workplaces for CommutersSM recognizes employers that are leaders in offering superior commuter benefits, such as transit subsidies, vanpool subsidies, or telework programs to their employees. Employers that make the list earn the Best Workplaces for CommutersSM designation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Sometimes outstanding commuter benefits are provided not by the employers themselves, but by another organization such as a business park, downtown district, developer, or property manager. To recognize these areas for their leadership, EPA designates them a **Best Workplaces for CommutersSM District**. Across the country, more and more communities are earning this prestigious designation. From urban centers to suburban and even rural settings, each of these areas is taking commuter benefits to a new level, providing a valuable advantage to local businesses and the people who work there.

What are the Benefits of the Designation?

As a Best Workplaces for Commuters DistrictSM, your area can:

- ▶ Gain national recognition from EPA and the media
- ▶ Attract new tenants and retain existing ones
- ▶ Access new tools to enhance your commuter benefits program
- ▶ Join other forward-thinking national leaders
- ▶ Serve as a model for other areas around the country

What Commuter Benefits are Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Districts Offering?

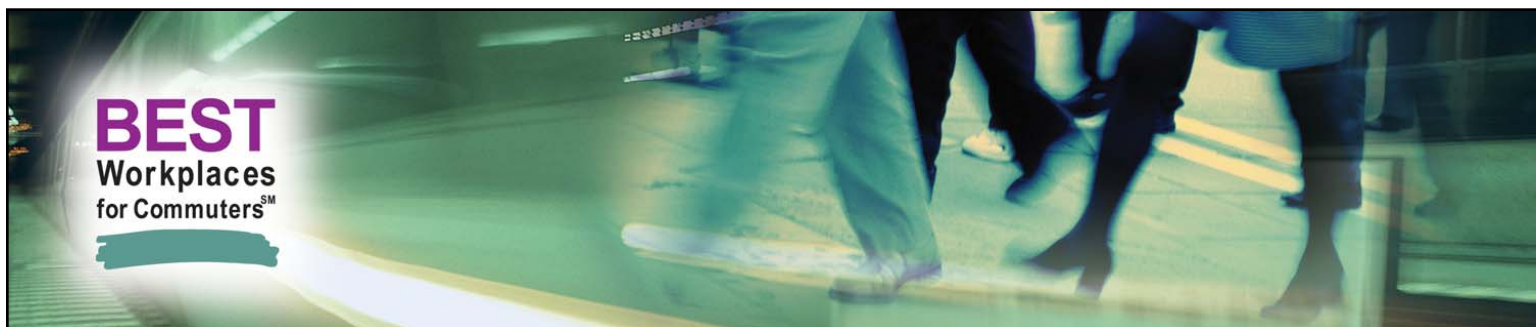
Best Workplaces for Commuters Districts have implemented many different programs to encourage employees working in them to get to work other than by driving alone. This table shows several examples.

For a complete list of Best Workplaces for Commuters Districts, visit:

<http://www.bwc.gov/about/districts.htm>

District Name	Transit Passes	Vanpool Subsidies	Shuttles Connecting to Transit	Discounted Rideshare Parking
Bishop Ranch Business Park (San Ramon, CA)	✓		✓	
City of Aspen (Colorado)	✓			
Cumberland-Galleria Business District (Atlanta, GA)		✓		
Downtown Minneapolis (Minnesota)				✓
Downtown Tampa (Florida)		✓		
Emeryville TMA (California)			✓	
Houston Downtown (Texas)		✓		
South Florida Education Center (Davie, FL)			✓	
University Village (Seattle, WA)	✓			





Do We Qualify?

Set your community apart! Answering “yes” to all of these questions means your area qualifies as a Best Workplaces for CommutersSM District!

- 1) Does your proposed District have distinct boundaries such as a business park, downtown district, shopping mall, or building?
- 2) Does someone other than the employers in your District pay for and provide most or all of the commuter benefits that meet EPA’s criteria, known as the *National Standard of Excellence*?
- 3) Are the same benefits offered equally to everyone who works in the District?
- 4) Is there an Administrator of the proposed District who will:
 - ▶ Submit an application for the Best Workplaces for CommutersSM District designation, including a list of employers and number of employees within the District
 - ▶ Act as the point of contact for communications with EPA about the Best Workplaces for CommutersSM program
 - ▶ Centralize information on commuter benefits for use by those who work in the District
 - ▶ Promote the commuter benefits to everyone who works in the District
 - ▶ Update contact and benefits information on an annual basis
 - ▶ Work with EPA to obtain information on how your commuters get to work

For More Information

To learn more about becoming a District and getting the recognition you deserve for being a leader:

- ▶ Visit www.bwc.gov/district
- ▶ Call (888) 856-3131
- ▶ E-mail bwc@epa.gov

Districts Find Value in the Designation

“If it weren’t for our commuter benefits program—free bus passes, bike parking, electric bikes, a full-service Transportation Resource Center—we calculated we’d need to build 800 more parking spaces in downtown Boulder. It just shows how great an impact you can make by coming together as a community and improving the daily commute.”

— Jan Ward, Employee Transportation Coordinator, City of Boulder

“As a rural region, we face unique challenges when trying to improve the commute for area workers. That’s why we’re so proud to be New England’s first Best Workplaces for CommutersSM District. It’s a welcome recognition of our transportation management efforts and helps send a clear message to the region’s employers and employees that we’re an air quality- and community-friendly area. As news of the designation grows, it’ll add to our “curb” appeal for new, as well as existing, employers.”

— Susan Berry, Marketing and Rideshare Coordinator, Upper Valley Rideshare

“Hacienda Business Park has been actively involved in providing true commuting choices to our tenants for more than twenty years—meeting the needs of an ever-changing workforce. As a Best Workplaces for CommutersSM District, we offer an attractive package of commuter benefits to our tenants—helping us increase occupancy at the site while improving the local quality of life through reduced traffic and air pollution.”

— James Paxson, General Manager, Hacienda Business Park